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SUBJECT: FAO REQUEST FOR USG'S INFORMATION ON DISASTER-PRONE COUNTRIES

1. FAO FOOD INFORMATION GROUP OFFICER BINDER APPROACHED FODAG OFFICER ON POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING COMPUTERIZED REFERENCE FILES ON 35 DISASTER-PRONE COUNTRIES. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMALLY PASSING UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGES TO FAO ON POSSIBLE DISASTER AREAS LIKE CHAD AND ETHIOPIA. THIS INFORMATION OFTEN FILLS OUT MORE CAUTIOUS FAO REPORTS AND HAS PROVEN INVALUABLE, SO GROUP WOULD LIKE TO SYSTEMIZE THEIR RECEIPT OF SUCH MESSAGES. FODAG OFFICER SUGGESTED THAT MRS. BINDER JOT DOWN EXACTLY WHAT SHE WANTS AND HE WOULD TRANSMIT HER REQUEST. ROBERT M. GOLDING IS GOING TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY FEBRUARY AND WILL FOLLOW UP ON THIS REQUEST. FILES ARE PROBABLY IN AID OFFICE OF U.S. FOREIGN DISASTER ASSISTANCE, OFRA.

2. BINDER'S INFORMAL REQUEST TO FODAG OFFICER FOLLOWS FOR DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN RESPONDING TO GOLDING VISIT.

BEGIN TEXT:

THE FOOD INFORMATION GROUP, WHICH IS THE CENTRAL UNIT OF THE FAO GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM ON FOOD AND UNCLASSIFIED

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AGRICULTURE, IS PLEASED TO HAVE LEARNED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING COMPUTERIZED REFERENCE FILES ON 35 DISASTER-PRONE COUNTRIES. THEY ALREADY HAVE THE PRINTOUT OF THE BANGLADESH FILE AND WOULD WISH TO HAVE SUCH PRINTOUTS ALSO FOR THE 20 OR SO ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES THAT THEY ARE AWARE HAVE ALSO BEEN COMPLETED.

THE FOOD INFORMATION GROUP IS IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF ESTABLISHING BACKGROUND FILES OF ITS OWN ON DISASTER-PRONE COUNTRIES. TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, FAO CONSIDERS THIS A GOOD TIME TO COORDINATE AND CONSULT ON SUCH INFORMATION. PERHAPS COMMON KEYS COULD BE USED TO FACILITATE USE OF THE FILES. FAO AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT COULD BOTH BENEFIT FROM REVIEW OF EACH OTHERS WORK AS WELL AS CONTINUOUS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FOOD INFORMATION GROUP, ROBERT M. GOLDING, WILL BE TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY FEBRUARY TO CONSULT USDA AND OTHERS IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WITH INFORMATION ON FOOD AND AGRICULTURE. PERHAPS HE COULD COLLECT THE ADDITIONAL PRINTOUTS AND OTHER PREPARED INFORMATION AT THAT TIME. ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS VISIT WILL BE MADE THROUGH THE FAO OFFICE IN WASHINGTON. END TEXT.BEAUDRY

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